**Request by Municipalities to take over their High Schools under Government Management.**

*Q.*—1. Sri S. KARIAPPA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of Municipalities which have requested the Government to take over their High Schools under Government Management;

(*b*) the reasons they have adduced for doing so?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The following Municipal Councils have made requests during this year for taking over their High Schools under Government management:—

(1) Municipal Council, Srirangapatna.

(2) Do do Jagalur.

(*b*) The Municipal Councils have expressed their inability to meet the expenditure in respect of Municipal High Schools.

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**Tapping Toddy in Kadur Taluk for Supply to Bangalore.**

*Q.*—2. Sri K. H. MUDIAPPA (Chikmagalur District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Prohibition Act is in force in Kadur Taluk;

(*b*) if so, why permission has been given to tap toddy in Kadur Taluk for supplying it to Bangalore;

(*c*) the number of trees that can be tapped in Kadur Taluk (Hobliwar figures may be furnished);

(*d*) the number of trees that are required to be tapped per year for supply of toddy to Bangalore (figures for each quarter may be furnished if possible);

(*e*) (i) the names of contractors other than those of Bangalore who have been permitted at the beginning of the year to tap the trees in Kadur Taluk;

(ii) whether it is not a fact that permission for tapping was granted to the contractor of Belur after recovering in advance "tree-tax" for one quarter from him;

(iii) if so, the number of trees permitted to be tapped during the first quarter and the dates on which such permission was granted (details of dates and numbers may kindly be furnished);

(*f*) (i) when their order prohibiting the contractor of Belur from tapping the trees in Kadur Taluk was communicated to him (the date on which the order was despatched and the date on which it reached the contractor may be furnished);

(ii) the period during which tapping of toddy in Kadur Taluk has been permitted by them;

(iii) whether they have arranged to grant any compensation to the contractor of Belur who was asked to tap the trees in Belur while he could have tapped in Kadur Taluk in the first quarter and who thereby incurred loss since he could not supply potable toddy owing to this change?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For want of a sufficient number of tappable date trees elsewhere, tapping has been permitted in Kadur Taluk under Section 22A of the Mysore Prohibition Act, for supplying toddy to Bangalore group of toddy shops.